

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

APRIL 17, 1912.

Mr. SMITH of Michigan submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

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Reported by Mr. SMITH of Michigan, with amendments.

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Considered, amended, and agreed to.

RESOLUTION.

1 *Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce, or a sub-
2 committee thereof, is hereby authorized and directed to in-
3 vestigate the causes leading to the wreck of the White Star
4 liner Titanic, with its attendant loss of life so shocking to the
5 civilized world.

6 *Resolved further*, That said committee or a subcom-
7 mittee thereof is hereby empowered to summon witnesses,
8 send for persons and papers, to administer oaths, and to take
9 such testimony as may be necessary to determine the respon-
10 sibility therefor, with a view to such legislation as may be
11 necessary to prevent, as far as possible, any repetition of
12 such a disaster.

13 *Resolved further*, That the committee shall inquire par-
14 ticularly into the number of life boats, life rafts, and life pre-
15 servers, and other equipment for the protection of the pas-

1 sengers and crew; the number of persons aboard the Titanic,
2 whether passengers or crew, and whether adequate inspec-
3 tions were made of such vessel, in view of the large number
4 of American passengers traveling over a route commonly
5 regarded as dangerous from icebergs; and whether it is
6 feasible for Congress to take steps looking to an international
7 agreement to secure the protection of sea traffic, including
8 regulation of the size of ships and designation of routes.

9 *Resolved further,* That in the report of said committee
10 it shall recommend such legislation as it shall deem ex-
11 pedient; and the expenses incurred by this investigation shall
12 be paid from the contingent fund of the Senate upon vouchers
13 to be approved by the chairman of said committee.